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DEPARTMENT FOR SCA, PPT AND EUR/CE
USCINCEUR AND CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JAMES CARL MOORE

REF: STATE 253291

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN MOORE CASE, SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON THAT GUIDANCE OCCUR. THIS EMBASSY, OF COURSE, HAS NO MILITARY ATTACHE. FURTHER, THE PROPOSAL TO HAND MOORE'S DOCUMENTATION TO THE CAPTAIN OF A GDR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT COULD POSE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS. THERE ARE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS OUT OF EAST BERLIN TO THE U.S. AND THUS MOORE MUST CHANGE PLANES IN ANY CASE.

2. WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT MOORE IS ALREADY FREE TO TRAVEL ABROAD, IF HE DESIRES. IT IS HIS RETURN TO THE U.S. THAT IS AT ISSUE. MOORE'S INTEREST IN RETURNING TO THE U.S. CAUSED HIM TO APPROACH THE EMBASSY TO HELP FACILITATE HIS RETURN. MOORE'S CONCERN, AND THAT OF OTHER MILITARY ABSENTEES THAT WE ARE PROCESSING, IS TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE U.S. AND REGULARIZE THIER STATUS WITH THE U.S.G. THEY WILL NOT, THEREFORE, BE
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WILLING TO TRANSIT THE FRG OR WEST BERLIN FOR FEAR OF

APPREHENSION AND TRIAL BY U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN
EUROPE.

3. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT GDR AUTHORITIES WILL RECOGNIZE CARD OF IDENTITY AND REGISTRATION (CIR) AS A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT. NORMAL PRACTICE IS FOR GDR TO REQUEST THAT ENTRANCE AND EXIT VISA BE STAMPED IN THE TRAVEL DOCUMENT. SINCE EXIT VISA WILL BE REQUIRED IN MOORE CASE, THE CIR MAY BE INADEQUATE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. EMBASSY HAS EXCELLENT CONTINUING LIAISON WITH USBERLIN ON MILITARY ABSENTEE MATTERS ENSURING THAT U.S. MILITARY IS COGNIZANT OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE. COOPER

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